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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 3 November 1999*

#### SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4059th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/1999/939, S/1999/940 and Rev.1 and Add.1* and S/1999/941)

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fourth session*

1999 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.190/1, A/CONF.190/L.1, A/CONF.185/2, E/1999/55/Add.2)
2. Adoption of the report
3. Closure of the Conference

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fourth session*

10 a.m. 45th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five members of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/54/305)

(b) List of Candidates (A/54/306/Rev.1)

(c) Curricula Vitae (A/54/307)

### Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [88] (A/54/13 and Add.1, A/54/338, A/54/345, A/54/376, A/54/377, A/54/385, A/54/477, A/C.4/54/L.13 to L.19)

*General debate*

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 31st meeting Conference Room 4

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [99 (a)]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.20*

2. Sectoral policy questions [98]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation (A/54/320)

   (b) Business and development (A/54/451)

   *Introduction and general discussion*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 30th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45*

2. Advancement of women [109]

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.14/Rev.1*

3. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)] (A/54/40, A/54/44, A/54/56, A/54/65, A/54/80, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/177, A/54/189, A/54/277, A/54/346, A/54/348, A/54/368, A/54/387, A/54/426, A/C.3/54/5)

   *Continuation of general discussion*

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 31st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)] (A/54/40, A/54/44, A/54/56, A/54/65, A/54/80, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/177, A/54/189, A/54/277, A/54/346, A/54/348, A/54/368, A/54/387, A/54/426, A/C.3/54/5)

   *Continuation and conclusion of general discussion*

2. Advancement of women [109]

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.18/Rev.1*

## FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 24th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (Part I, section 1)

General Assembly affairs and conference services (Part I, section 2, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19 and A/53/833)

Political Affairs ( Part II, section 3)

Disarmament (Part II, section 4)

Peacekeeping operations (Part II, section 5)

Peaceful uses of outer space (Part II, section 6)

*General discussion*

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 25th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

International Court of Justice (Part III, section 7)

Legal affairs (Part III, section 8 and A/53/643)

Economic and social affairs (Part IV, section 8 and A/53/643)

Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV, section 10)

Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A)

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B, A/54/127 and A/53/7/Add.15)

Environment (Part IV, section 12 and A/C.5/54/20)

Human settlements (Part IV, section 13 and A/C.5/54/16)

Crime prevention and criminal justice (Part IV, section 14)

International drug control (Part IV, section 15 and A/53/643)

*General discussion*

## SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m. | 25th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

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| Afternoon* 6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (item 159)

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* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2000

2. Draft work programme and proposed budget of UNIDIR for 2000

3. Proposed abolition of two General Services posts under Income Section 3 (Services to the public)

4. Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa

5. Executive session on temporary assistance for meetings: requirements for 2000-2001

6. Draft report

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

*Twenty-first session*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 9th meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session [7]

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Informal consultations on agenda item 14*

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency) *today*, 3 November 1999, from 12 noon to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Martínez (Ecuador), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (agenda item 110) *today*, 3 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

## MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Wednesday, 3 November 1999*

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT :

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT
*(First Committee matters)*

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| 11 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room C |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on item 97 (a) (Financing for development)*

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| 10.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |
| 1.45 p.m.-<br>2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on item 100: draft resolution on international institutional arrangements related to environment and development and on matters of the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development)*

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT :

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room A |

GROUP OF 77
*(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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| 6.15 p.m.-<br>7.30 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

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| 9.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |
| 2.30 p.m.-<br>5.30 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

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The next consultation in the series of meetings on the evolving relationship between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, will take place *today*, 3 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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An informal meeting of troop contributors to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held *today*, 3 November 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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**Announcement**

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Thursday, 4 November 1999*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fourth session*

10 a.m. — 46th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [52]
2. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: appointment of a member by the President [157]
3. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/54/215)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.21)

## Committees

### FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 23rd meeting | Conference Room 2 |

### THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 32nd meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | 33rd meeting | Conference Room 1 |

### SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

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| 3 p.m. | 19th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

### FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 26th meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| 3 p.m. | 27th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

### SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 32nd meeting | Conference Room 4 |
| 3 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

### SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 26th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m. | 27th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)*

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 4 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

*Informal briefing*

In connection with issues under discussion in the Second Committee, Mr. D.R. Mehta, Chairman of the Securities Exchange Board of India, will give an informal briefing on the topic of "New Challenges for Equity Markets in Developing Countries" on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 116 (Human rights questions), beginning on Thursday, 4 November 1999, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson: Sir Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture); Dr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Roberto Garretón (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); and Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia);

On 5 November: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); Mr. Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will introduce the report of the representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons and the oral report of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi;

On 8 November: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 200th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 5 November 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

*Informal consultations*

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoeala (Lesotho), will continue to hold informal consultations on the report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (E/1999/23/Add.1 and E/1999/L.59).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

*List of speakers*

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(draft resolutions on item 100 (b) (International Decade for Natural Disasters) and 100 (f) (Implementation of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)* on Thursday, 4 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

There will be a meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement *(Millennium Assembly; briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson)* on Thursday, 4 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the fourth substantive session of the Open-ended Preparatory Committee on the South Summit)* on Friday, 5 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a meeting of the Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosova *(at the ambassadorial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on Thursday, 4 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 4 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*.

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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**Discussion**

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Monday, 1 November 1999*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 8th meeting

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Spain and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information also made a statement.

*Tuesday, 2 November 1999*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Fifty-fourth session

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.4 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.32 was adopted by 84 votes to 45, with 15 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.45 was adopted by 105 votes to 3, with 36 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.46 was adopted by 138 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.47 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.20 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.15 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.50 was adopted without a vote.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 17th meeting

*Cyclone in India and crash of an Egyptian airplane*

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee observed a minute of silence.

The representative of India made a statement.

*United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East* [88]

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/54/13).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/54/477).

The general debate began with statements by the representatives of Jordan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta), Japan, Norway, Lebanon, the United States, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 30th meeting

*Environment and sustainable development* [100]

*Report of the Secretary-General on international institutional arrangements related to environment and development*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Assistant Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the Russian Federation.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item as a whole.

THIRD COMMITTEE 29th meeting

*Crime prevention and criminal justice* [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.24*

The representative of Italy, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Benin, Canada, Egypt, Germany, Guatemala, Iceland, Japan, Lesotho, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Thailand, Turkmenistan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

*Advancement of women* [109]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.18/Rev.1*

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Belgium, Cape Verde, Colombia, Ghana, Liberia, Morocco and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced the revised draft resolution.

*Right of peoples to self-determination* [115]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.29*

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, the Comoros, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced the draft resolution.

*Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments* [116 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union, and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland), the United States, Ukraine, San Marino, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Rwanda, Qatar, Kuwait, Saint Lucia and Morocco.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

*Advancement of women* [109]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.15*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia orally revised the draft resolution, announced that Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Croatia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Germany, Greece, Jamaica, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Nigeria, the Philippines, Portugal, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, and further announced that San Marino had withdrawn from sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Austria, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Finland, Haiti, Kenya, Malta, Norway, South Africa, Suriname, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

*Organization of work*

The Committee agreed that the report of the Secretary-General on the new structure and working methods of INSTRAW had been issued under agenda item 109 as document A/54/500. The Committee decided to devote a meeting on Friday, 12 November, for discussion of the report and established a deadline for submission of draft proposals thereon at 6 p.m., 12 November.

*Point of order*

The representatives of Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Bahrain spoke on points of order.

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*Corrigendum* to the summary of the 28th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 1999/210, p. 12): the following text should be added:

*Right of peoples to self-determination* [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27*

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Guatemala and Iceland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

*Organization of work*

The Committee was informed that the time-limits for statements, under item 116, sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e) would be: *For individual delegations:* for those who speak on one sub-item - *7 minutes;* for those who speak on two sub-items - *10 minutes;* for those who speak on all four sub-items - *15 minutes;* the time-limit for *groups of delegations* would be a maximum of *30 minutes.*

FIFTH COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

*Joint Inspection Unit* [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.13.

The Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

*Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services* [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Uganda, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Australia and Egypt.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions posed.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania spoke on a point of clarification.

The Chairman made a statement.

*Other matters*

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement regarding queries made of Secretariat officials.

*Organization of work*

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

23rd meeting

*Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001* [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Ukraine, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Haiti and Peru.

The Controller replied to questions raised during the general debate.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 23rd and 24th meetings

*Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session* [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Mexico, New Zealand, India, Brazil, Australia, Venezuela, Israel, Bulgaria, the Russian Federation, Italy, the United Kingdom, Hungary, France and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

The Chairman of the International Law Commission introduced chapter VI of the Commission's report concerning Reservations to Treaties.

1999 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 1st meeting

*Opening of the Pledging Conference*

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs opened the 1999 Pledging Conference and made a statement.

*Election of officers*

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs invited the Conference to proceed to the election of its President.

H.E. Mr. Zbigniew Matuszewski (Poland) was elected as President, by acclamation.

Mr. Fabio Cassese (Italy), Mr. Ruben Espinoza (Peru) and H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov (Uzbekistan) were elected as Vice-Presidents, by acclamation.

*Statements regarding pledges*

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
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TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 1999

1805th meeting

The Committee concluded its consideration of the fifth periodic report of China (Hong Kong Special Administration Region) (CCPR/HKSAR/99/1).

The Committee then began its consideration of the draft list of issues on Guyana (CCPR/C/Q/68/GUY/4).

1806th meeting

The Committee adopted the list of issues on Guyana.

The Committee then considered the concluding observations on Portugal (Macau) (CCPR/C/79/Add.115) and communications in closed session.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special event**

A seminar to commemorate the eighteenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief will be held on Friday, 5 November 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will deliver the keynote address at 9.15 a.m. Following her remarks, there will be a panel composed of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations; H. E. Mr. Janis Bjorn Kanavin, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Prof. David Little, Harvard University; Dr. William Vendley, Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace; and Nikoo Mahboubian, President, NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief (co-sponsor of the event, with the International NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Values Caucus). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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**Exhibits**

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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